

REMARKS

Claims 1 has been amended. Claims 28-31 have been withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 19, 2003. No new matter has been added. Applicants request prompt and favorable consideration by the Examiner of the now pending application.

Respectfully submitted,

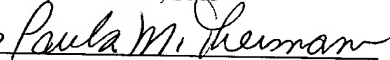
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